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► Col. Russell Williams, right, leaves court for the last time in Belleville, Ont., on Thursday. Williams is headed to Kingston Penitentiary to serve two concurrent life sentences for sex crimes a judge says "had no equal." More coverage, page 12.

# Life for convicted sex killer

His fate sealed, Williams tearfully told judge he was 'indescribably ashamed' of what he'd done. Victim's family happy that murderer won't see light of day

The unprecedented, sadistic crimes of convicted sex killer Col. Russell Williams have earned him a place among the worst criminals Canada has ever seen, court heard Thursday as the final chapter in the shocking case drew to a close.

"The depths of the depravity demonstrated by Russell Williams had no equal," Ontario Superior Court Justice Robert Scott said as he sentenced the once-decorated officer to two concurrent life sentences with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

Once destined for senior military command, the 47-year-old former airbase chief, who flew prime ministers on VIP flights, is now in Kingston Penitentiary, home to some of the country's most notorious criminals — including schoolgirl killer Paul Bernardo.

Already branded "the devil" by the brother of one of his victims, Williams will go down as one of the worst killers in Canadian history, said Crown prosecutor Lee Burgess.

"We can all think of a handful of

**"One suspects that he has contained for most of his adult life sexual desires and fetishes ... Russell Williams will forever be remembered as a sadosexual serial killer."**

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT JUSTICE

ROBERT SCOTT

names and everybody knows those names, and he's now on that list," he said outside court.

The Crown didn't seek dangerous offender status, however, saying it was "superfluous" given his life sentence and would only prolong the suffering of families.

Williams' dark descent began with a string of disturbing fetish break-ins in 2007 that escalated to sexual assaults and culminated in the brutal sex killings of Cpl. Marie-France Comeau, 37, and Jessica Lloyd, 27.

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## Herd seeks consistency

New coach Bobby Smith speaks on talent, next game {page 31}

## Saw sharpens for final cut

3-D gorefest touted as last flick of horror franchise {page 18}



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# Keep your stick on the plastic

- Cops v.s. kids hockey game on Friday will kick off the one-week demo
- Rink will be available for hockey and skating enthusiasts until Oct. 28



► Tim Oldfield, in foreground, the owners of IcePro, installs a synthetic rink on a field next to Dartmouth High School on Thursday. The rink will be up for a week-long trial starting Friday.

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Imagine a skating rink that doesn't need a Zamboni — or ice, for that matter.

A synthetic rink — which uses plastic instead of ice — was installed beside Dartmouth High School on Nantucket Road Thursday.

It's a one-week trial that starts Friday to see if a permanent synthetic rink would be popular enough in the area.

Tim Oldfield with Ice

Pro, the company that installs synthetic rinks, said at least one councillor has approached him about trying it out elsewhere in HRM.

Even though synthetic rinks are smaller than ice rinks, Oldfield said they could relieve some of the pressure for ice time.

Ice Pro is covering the cost of the one-week demo, but HRM is co-ordinating programming for the week, and a kick-off party Friday afternoon.

Several hockey teams will try it out this week, and there will be several

public skates.

Coun. Jim Smith said a permanent outdoor synthetic rink would provide his constituents with a year-round venue for skating without the maintenance costs of an ice rink.

The surface just needs to be swept off.

"We're looking at putting one somewhere in District 9 (Albro Lake-Harbourview) next year," he said.

Possible locations include a ball field on Green Road or next to the Boys and Girls Club on Farrell Street.

## Installation

A permanent synthetic rink would cost about \$65,000 to install.

Coun. Jim Smith said he wouldn't require a vote from council to make it happen, just approval from the recreation department.

## Lucentis funding means cuts?

**\$3.5M**  
The estimated cost for Lucentis in the next fiscal year.

The province's health minister says that she can't say whether something will have to be cut from her department's budget as a result of a recent decision to pay for Lucentis, a drug for age-related vision loss.

Maureen MacDonald says there is money for the drug in her depart-

ment's budget, however she says there will be funding pressures next year with the department asked to trim spending by up to five per cent.

The minister says that it will cost the province approximately \$660,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

MacDonald says the

province will save some money by having the treatments delivered by retinal specialists in hospital-based eye clinics.

The province is the last in Canada to pay for the costly treatment for macular degeneration, which can cause blood and fluid to leak into the eye.

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## Let citizens set mayor's pay: Group

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is suggesting reforms are necessary for Mayor Peter Kelly and council's remuneration system.

CTF-Atlantic director Kevin Lacey said his group is suggesting a cross-section of municipal ratepayers should be convened to determine how much the mayor and councillors take home.

"(Take) a random sample, kind of like you would for jury duty, whereby you call citizens in, you'd have them sit on the committee, and then they would use their own common sense over what councillors and mayors should be paid," he said.

Lacey pointed to a 1997 commission in British Columbia, where citizens were asked to determine provincial politicians' salaries. Both the mayor and council will receive a pay increase in November, with Kelly's salary increasing by 4.04 per cent and a 1.62 per cent raise for councillors.

"The only way we can settle whether or not these are fair or not is by letting citizens themselves make the decisions on what these salaries should be," Lacey said.

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► Mayor Peter Kelly

## Record attendance at Nocturne

A record crowd of about 13,000 took in last weekend's Nocturne art at night festival, smashing the 2009 high of 9,000.

About 4,000 people used the Metro Transit ferry — almost double an average night. The most visited spot was The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, which saw 6,500 people come through its doors, with another 4,000 going to the large-scale anchor project outside Alderney Landing in Dartmouth.

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# Dexter on hand as U.A.E. school reopens

Premier Darrell Dexter was on hand at the official opening Thursday of a newly renovated school in the United Arab Emirates.

The privately owned Abu Dhabi Grammar School is one of 11 international schools in the U.A.E., Egypt and China that offer the Nova Scotia public school curriculum.

Dexter is currently on a trade mission to the Middle East and Korea.

More than 750 students attend the school in Abu Dhabi, which now has a

## 1,800

Last year, Nova Scotia's international programs reached 1,800 students around the world and brought in about \$850,000 in revenue for the province.

new gymnasium, pool, cafeteria and a 10-room high school.

Dexter says the province builds relation-



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ships with international schools to expose students abroad to the province's post-secondary and career options.

"By continuing to build relationships with international schools, we are exposing students to the outstanding post-secondary and career options our province offers, while enhancing our reputation as a global education system, and growing our economy," Dexter said in a release.

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# Halifax cruises to new record for port visitors

- Cruise lines say guests are very satisfied with their visit to Halifax
- Passengers tend to spend about \$70 to \$100 each while in the city

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Four cruise ships pouring out thousands of passengers Thursday tipped the scales for a new record.

The 10,000 visitors who stopped in Halifax Thursday increased the tally to 250,000 visitors in one season — a new record.

"The last record was set in 2008 and we had 228,000 visitors for the

whole season," said Cathy McGrail, spokeswoman for the Port of Halifax.

And the 2010 cruise season isn't over yet: Another three ships carrying a total of 5,000 are scheduled to dock in Halifax by the end

of the month. "The cruise industry has been working very hard over the past couple of years to continue to build the business but I can't say why they're doing better than other (years)," McGrail said.

**'A very good year ahead for cruises'**

Next year is shaping up

to be another good year for the cruise ship industry in Halifax, said Cathy McGrail with the Port of Halifax.

"I can't say we'll break a record but it's looking like a very good year for us," she said.

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► Three of the four cruise ships docked in Halifax are pictured here Thursday. The ships brought 10,000 visitors to the city Thursday for a record total of 250,000 visitors on the season.

# Province logs 1.5M visitors in '10

The province has welcomed almost 1.5 million visitors during the first eight months of 2010.

According to reports released by the Department of Tourism, the province had 1,481,300 visitors from January through August — two per cent more

visitors than the same period last year.

"We are seeing a positive trend in the number of visitors to the province," Percy Paris, the minister of Tourism, Culture and Heritage, said in a release.

For August specifically,

tourism numbers are up two per cent compared with 2009.

Room nights are down three per cent for the month while road travel has increased by two per cent in August and four per cent for the year.

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## By the numbers

- Domestic travel is showing three per cent growth for 2010.
- However, overseas visitors have dropped by nine per cent.

# Enfield man killed in well collapse

A 36-year-old Enfield man is dead after being trapped by a collapsing well on Wednesday.

RCMP say the man was lining the well at his Enfield home when the sides caved in.

Police say he was pinned against the lining.

He was rushed to a hospital in Halifax but pronounced dead on arrival.

His name was not released.

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**Drugs,  
guns  
seized**

Six people face charges after two searches Thursday morning in Dartmouth resulted in the seizure of illicit drugs and weapons.

Police say they searched two apartments in the 200 block of Windmill Road. A quantity of marijuana was seized.

from the first apartment. Some cocaine, marijuana, a sawed-off shotgun and a stun gun were found in the second apartment.

The 20-year-old woman arrested in the first apartment is scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 1 to face drug possession charges.

Three women, a 28-year-old man and a 17-year-old male were to appear in court Thursday to face charges including drug trafficking and weapon-related offences.

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**Province  
steps up  
with loan**

The provincial government is providing Nova Scotia credit unions with a \$10-million loan to help small business. The money comes from the Strategic Opportunities Fund and will be administered by the Credit Union Central of Nova Scotia.

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**Horse dead  
after being  
struck**

An ambulance travelling on a rural Nova Scotia highway struck a horse Wednesday, killing the animal.

The vehicle slammed into the horse on Highway 1 in the Annapolis Valley, west of Bridgewater.

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# Landry willing to appear over Burnside issue

► Inmates serving weekend sentences sent home due to overcrowding ► Public accounts looking into issue



► Provincial Justice Minister Ross Landry outside the Central Nova Correctional Facility in July.

Justice Minister Ross Landry said he will appear before a public accounts committee "if it's necessary."

"I'm not sure what the issue is to go there and have a discussion," he said Thursday. "But whatever I'm required to do within my job I will comply."

The province's public accounts requested Wednesday the Department of Justice deliver information on inmates at the Central Nova Correctional Facility given weekend passes to serve their time at home.

The justice department has three weeks to comply.

**Weekend passes**

- Public accounts is scheduled to receive information on inmates issued weekend passes from the Burnside jail on Nov. 9
- Opposition Conservatives and Liberals were accusing each other of playing politics on the weekend jail pass issue when committee met this week.

Former Justice Minister Cecil Clarke offered to appear before the committee, which he also sits on, as a witness. Clarke asserts he had no knowledge of weekend passes being given.

Landry said the day-to-day workings of the Burnside jail are not something the justice minister should meddle in. But now that he's been made aware of the issue, Landry said the question becomes: What comes next?

"The issue that I'm faced with now is what am I going to do about the situation we're in."

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**News in brief****Search back on for missing kayaker**

**COAST** The search resumed Thursday for a kayaker believed to be missing along the south coast of Nova Scotia.

Two coast guard ships and a Cormorant helicopter were scouring Mahone Bay after the coast guard got a call Wednesday afternoon from a man who said he was in trouble.

"Basically, (he) had lost his paddle and was in trouble after leaving Lunenburg," said Cmdr. Mike Considine, spokesman for the Halifax rescue centre.

"He said he'd put the boat in the water and was in the area of Saddle Island in the Mahone Bay area. That's all we had to go on and then the phone went dead."

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**Charges laid after drug bust**

**FAIRVIEW.** A 45-year-old man faces drug charges after police executed a search warrant Wednesday night.

Police say the search warrant took place at a residence on Titus Street in Fairview around 9 p.m., with marijuana and drug paraphernalia being seized.

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**Residence firebombed**

**TANTALON.** Police say someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the kitchen window of a residence in Tantallon on Wednesday night.

The fire caused minimal damage and no one was hurt.

Police believe the suspects fled on foot through nearby woods.

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**Museum salutes navy's first ship**

- Creating a Canadian navy was the hottest political topic in 1910
- New museum exhibit displays first uniform of Canadian sailors



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► Rear-Admiral David Gardam examines a model of the HMCS Bras d'Or in the Navy Gallery, a new exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Thursday.

Guns blazing and flags waving, the HMCS Niobe sailed into Halifax Harbour 100 years ago Thursday.

A celebration was held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, complete with a cake with a picture of the Niobe on it.

Dan Conlin can easily imagine Halifax as the first ship of the Canadian navy sailed in.

"I conjure the hopes, aspirations and challenges of that moment back in 1910," said Conlin, curator of marine history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

The Niobe wasn't just a naval ship but an immigrant one, too, since it carried British sailors who were about to become

Canadians, he said.

She was greeted at the mouth of the harbour by the HMCS Canada, a fishing patrol boat. Canada's

"That's the moment in 1910 when Canada joined the naval powers of the world."

DAN CONLIN, CURATOR OF MARINE HISTORY AT THE MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC

first admiral boarded the Niobe and they sailed triumphantly into Halifax Harbour.

Also on Thursday, a new painting of the HMCS Sackville was unveiled and a new exhibit was opened at the museum. The Naval Gallery leads visitors through the history of events that led to the birth of the Canadian navy in 1910.

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# Feds to cover tab for new drug law

Bill S-10 would send traffickers and producers to jail immediately

Correctional Services Canada says it has no idea what mandatory minimum sentences for drug crimes will do to the prison system.

But Commissioner Don Head told a Senate committee the government has agreed to cover off the

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Don Head

costs of implementing the new bill.

Bill S-10 is the third time the Conservatives have tried to get a law in place that would see traffickers and producers sent immediately to prison, even those convicted of growing only six marijuana plants.

But Head told the Senate committee studying the bill there isn't enough information to figure out whether the bill would have a deterrent effect or merely swell prison populations.

Part of the new bill will also impose mandatory minimums for those caught trying to sell drugs behind bars.

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Months you can't skip

Canada's top women curlers are in the news again. They star in a fundraising wall calendar available at [womenofcurlingcalendar.com](http://womenofcurlingcalendar.com). Among those featured are Jill Officer and five-time national champion skip Colleen Jones.

Curlers. 2011's their year

# Human smuggling bill sparks outcry

The federal Tories want the power to declare a "human smuggling event" that would impose harsh conditions on asylum-seekers who show up on Canada's shores.

In a bill tabled Thursday, the government proposes giving the federal minister of public safety the power to designate groups of migrants as "irregular," and treat them differently from other refugee claimants.

But an immediate out-

cry from opposition parties and talk of a Charter of Rights challenge, put the passage of the legislation in doubt without changes.

WANDA YAMAMOTO, PRESIDENT, CANADIAN COUNCIL FOR REFUGEES

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## What's the law?

Canadian law doesn't stop a failed refugee claimant in one country from making the same claim in Canada.

Kenney said the government has learned some of the migrants were already found not to need refugee protection in the United Kingdom.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney revealed the information Thursday.

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# Don't destroy horrific photos, experts warn

► They're key to keeping Williams locked up forever

The graphic photos and videos documenting the crimes of Col. Russell Williams should be preserved to ensure the convicted killer and sex offender isn't one day set free, legal experts say.

As the former commander of Canada's largest air force base was led off Thursday to begin two concurrent sentences of life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years, the burning question of how best to handle the most disturbing evidence of his actions was put off for another day.

Prosecutors say they will destroy the Nissan Pathfinder that tied Williams to the murder of Jessica Lloyd.

But they plan to wait a while before discussing the possibility of destroying the photo and video ev-



► Lawyer John Rosen

work to secure a new trial.

John Rosen, a Toronto-based criminal lawyer who once defended notorious sex killer Paul Bernardo, said it's unlikely Williams would mount an appeal of his convictions, given the fact that he pleaded guilty and appeared resigned to spending the rest of his life behind bars.

But just because a scenario is unlikely doesn't mean it can't happen, warned Rosen. Williams could change his mind at any time, he said.

"What if Mr. Williams wakes up one day and says, 'Wow, I just got railroaded by my lawyer,' and hires another lawyer?" Rosen asked.

"Even if you think it's open and shut, the court would be obliged to consider the appeal."

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idence, which includes recordings of the two sex assaults and the killing of Cpl. Marie-France Comeau.

Destroying the evidence would be a bad idea, legal experts warn.

They say the images could one day prevent Williams from being granted parole, or from engaging in fancy legal foot-

Athens. The heat is on



► An officer appears to put the boot in during a clash with students in central Athens on Thursday.

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## Anger explodes as students march

Riot police clashed with university students during a protest outside the Greek parliament in central Athens on Thursday. More than 1,500 students marched to protest against planned education reforms and the strict austerity measures imposed by the government in an effort to overhaul its debt-ridden economy.



► Victims wait for treatment in St. Marc, Haiti, on Thursday.

## Diarrhea kills at least 54 in Haiti

An outbreak of severe diarrhea in rural central Haiti has killed at least 54 people and sickened hundreds more who overwhelmed a hospital Thursday seeking treatment.

Hundreds of patients lay on blankets in a parking lot outside St. Nicholas hospital in the port city of St. Marc with IVs in their

arms for rehydration.

The president of the Haitian Medical Association, Claude Surena, said his unofficial count based on information from doctors and hospitals indicated as many as 135 people had died.

Doctors were testing for cholera, typhoid and other illnesses in the Caribbean

nation's deadliest outbreak since a January earthquake that killed as many as 300,000 people.

UN official Catherine Huck said doctors were still awaiting lab results.

The sick come from across the rural Artibonite region, which did not experience significant damage in the Jan. 12 quake.

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### What caused it?

- Some patients said they drank water from a public canal. Others said they bought purified water.
- All complained of symptoms including fever, vomiting and diarrhea.
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► Venezuelan President Raul Chavez arrived in Syria on Wednesday where he and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said they are united in efforts to establish a "new world order."

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# Chavez 'on offensive'

## ► Global battle

he fall of imperialist hegemony

► Venezuela and Syria sign several economic agreements

On the Mideast leg of an international tour, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said yesterday that he and his Syrian counterpart are "on the offensive" against Western imperialism.

The trip underscores the forces that complicate Washington's battle for influence in Syria, which is under U.S. sanctions because the State Department considers it a

sponsor of terrorism.

Despite U.S. outreach, Syria has remained close to Iran and the militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, while building ties with Venezuela.

Still, Syria stands to gain from improved ties with Washington, which could boost the country's struggling economy and end the sanctions.

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## That's one big puddle

When NASA blasted a hole in the moon last year in search of water, scientists figured there would be a splash. They just didn't know how big.

Now new results from the Hollywood-esque moonshot reveal lots of water in a crater where the sun never shines — 41 gallons of ice and vapour.

That may not sound like much — it's what a typical washing machine uses for a load — but it's almost twice as much as researchers had initially measured and more than they ever expected to find.

The estimate represents only what scientists can see from the debris plume that

**1,500** Mission chief scientist Anthony Colaprete of the NASA Ames Research Center calculated there could be one billion gallons of water in the crater that was hit — enough to fill 1,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

was kicked up from the high-speed crash near the south pole by a NASA spacecraft on Oct. 9, 2009.

Proof that the moon is not a dry, desolate world offers hope for a possible future astronaut outpost where water on site could be used for drinking or making rocket fuel. But the scientists' excitement is tempered by the reality that there's no plan to land on the moon anytime soon.

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## Protest. Trash



► Police officers walk towards a burning garbage truck in Terzigno, near Naples, Thursday.

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**Don't put trash in our backyard**

People demonstrating against plans to build a garbage dump near Naples hurled stones and firecrackers at police and set vehicles ablaze Thursday. The clashes highlighted the latest garbage crisis in the area around Naples, in southern Italy.

# Running out of time?

► Scientist Goodall fears we may be, if humankind doesn't change



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## Latinos vital to harvest

As harvest hits full swing in potato country, Americans are reminded of the role that Latinos play in one of Idaho's major industries. According to Idaho Department of Labor estimates, some 7,700 Latinos work in agriculture statewide. That's about 8.2 per cent of Idaho's entire agricultural labour force.

## Some migrants had been rejected by Britain

Some of the Tamil migrants who arrived on ships in British Columbia waters had already been rejected as refugees in the United Kingdom.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney revealed the information as he announced new human smuggling laws the federal government hopes will deter such operations.

Speaking in Delta, B.C., in front of one of the two ships used to bring in mi-

During 50 years of researching chimpanzees in the wild Jane Goodall has learned a thing or two about the environment and she says it's time for Mother Nature to have more influence on decisions than economics.

The British researcher, in Calgary for a speaking engagement on Sunday, says it's more important to think about future generations than to worry about the next shareholders

**"I think what we've lost is wisdom ... making a decision and saying 'how will this decision affect our people generations ahead?'"**

JANE GOODALL, ENVIRONMENTALIST

meeting.

"Almost everywhere there are problems where usually economic influences are coming up against the environment and I think the problem here is looking around to see what we've done to

damage this planet. It's pretty shocking," Goodall said yesterday.

"We have really, really harmed Mother Nature and I don't know how long she will retain this amazing ability to regenerate."

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► Chrissie Hynde of The Pretenders leads a PETA demonstration outside a McDonald's in Philadelphia in May 2010.

## Soaring McSales

Protests like the one above did not stop the world's largest burger chain from drawing in the highest customer count in more than two decades. Sales of McDonald's frappes, smoothies and its dollar menu helped push the chain's net income up 10 per cent in the third quarter.

## Budget deficit a challenge: Report

Canada's budget watchdog says the current budget deficit may be relatively smaller than what Ottawa faced in the 1990s, but it's going to be harder to eliminate.

And it could require tax increases in order to



achieve according to Ottawa's five-year plan, despite the Conservatives'

assurances they don't plan to do that.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page says in a new report issued yesterday that many of the conditions that helped the Liberals return

to balance in the mid-1990s are not present today.

While the Jean Chretien government faced a much deeper fiscal hole than the Harper government does now, it was able to eliminate the deficit in fairly short order. That's because unlike today, Canada's labour force was growing, the global economy was expanding, and the Canadian dollar, as well as interest rates were falling.

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Under the pact, the 21 member forest companies agreed to suspend new logging on 29 million hectares of forest.

Oil industry players have been sniffing around the landmark Boreal Forest Agreement between industry and environmental groups, says one of the agreement's architects.

Avrim Lazar, who heads the Forest Products Association of Canada, says he's fielded inquiries from senior civil servants, executives and oil industry associations about how the forest industry got together with its one-time adversaries.

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## Oil industry eyes forest agreement

American dollar by printing a ton of money — what the media refer to as “quantitative easing” — and a portion of its debt will disappear as if by magic!

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This solution would also help Japan, the most indebted country on the planet. And Great Britain, which is getting bogged down in deficits.

Listening to our leaders, you'd think we could become richer by being poorer, by underselling the fruits of our labours.

And so we have a “currency war.” But underneath this absurd rhetoric, another motive hides: Several governments will try, in the coming years, to go bankrupt on the sly.

## WHAT'S HIDING IN THE CURRENCY WAR

### Other people's money

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be a plausible explanation for certain countries like China, whose economies are heavily dependent on

**“It’s the most ridiculous war, where winning means shooting oneself in the foot.”**

exports. (Although several other countries, like Germany and Switzerland have demonstrated that it's possible to succeed on the international market even with a strong currency.)

But for several western countries, the real explanation is to be found elsewhere. In the United States for example,

exports make up only 12 per cent of GDP. Why impoverish the population for so little? Here's a hint: If tomorrow morning the American government confiscated every dollar held by the entire population, it would still need \$12 trillion more to repay all of its debts and honour its promises to future retirees, according to David Walker, the country's former comptroller general.

The U.S. government is carrying a gigantic debt that it will never reimburse. But why go under when it just needs to reduce the value of the

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► The purple Wiggle, Jeff Fatt, plays piano and accordion in the band.

## 5 MINUTES WITH: WIGGLE JEFF FATT

**The Wiggles**, Australian rock stars with the preschool crowd, are heading to Halifax for three shows on Oct. 30 and 31 at the Metro Centre.

**The purple Wiggle, Jeff Fatt**, plays piano and accordion in the band, but he's a little narcoleptic — until the audience yells out: "Wake up Jeff!"

**With the jet-lag, time difference and everything — are you getting enough sleep?**  
Yes — I sleep now and then. I catch up on my sleep on stage.

**Where do you guys get your**

**energy — especially after so many years of performing for kids?**

A lot of it comes from the audience. If you're not feeling that well before you get on stage and the roar of the crowd and performing for children really keeps you on your game. I think the shows we're doing now are much more physical than they've ever been and doing things physically really keeps you active.

**What are you dressing up as for Halloween?**  
Just going as The Wiggles!

Actually for one Hallow-

een I dressed as the yellow Wiggle.

**Where do you find inspiration for your songs? I mean, there's been a chicken with hiccups and a Monkey Man ...**

It pretty much comes from the children and what's in their world, just concepts what they relate to. It's just taking the most ordinary, boring things which may seem boring to an adult and making them interesting and fun for children.

**As Canadians, we can appreciate how you guys incorporate everything Australian into**

**your performances. Do you get kids asking about Australia and wondering if it's a magical place?**

We do have that now and then. The concept of Australia is a hard concept to grasp, with the fact you have to fly 24 hours to get there.

**I have also wondered if there's any competition between The Wiggles and AC/DC to sell the most records. It must be getting close.**

(Laughing). No, there's nothing consciously competitive.

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## Swing fever spreading

### Worth mentioning

**TORONTO.** Swing is making a comeback and it's not just the infectious rhythm and foot-stomping moves drawing the crowds. The sense of community created by the dance is proving even more of a lure as a young set brings an old jig back into style.

The style of dance, and the face-time it offers in an increasingly digitized world, is something that's appealing even to the high school crowd.

"It has that youthful exuberance to it," says Matt Lam, a 24-year-old physics graduate student, who is also president of the UBC Swing Kids. He says he's seen teens as young as 16

come out to events put on by his campus club.

Swing dancing actually refers to a group of dances that developed in the 1920s alongside the swing style of jazz. The dances range from the traditional foot-stamping Lindy Hop to the body-hugging Balboa.

With university swing clubs cropping up and so-

cial dances offered in most major cities, swing fever is catching. The rise of popular television dance shows is also helping to raise the profile of swing.

While swingers dance with a partner, they don't have to bring one. Most people show up alone but don't stay that way for long. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### UBC Swing Kids



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Halifax Pop Explosion is pairing up with the Symphony Nova Scotia Friday night at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Basia Bulat, a Polaris prize nominee and one of Canada's most unique singer-songwriters, is joining the symphony for a special performance at 7:30 p.m.

Bulat performs on nine instruments, including the ukulele, guitar, piano and

her signature autoharp.

The show will mark the first time she's performed with an orchestra.

Ticket prices range between \$29 and \$52 and are available online at [symphonynovascotia.ca](http://symphonynovascotia.ca) or via phone at 494-3820.

Halifax Pop Explosion wraps up on Saturday with complete details available through [halifaxpopexplosion.com](http://halifaxpopexplosion.com). ● METRO HALIFAX

### Three days to play

HOW DO YOU THINK BOBBY SMITH WILL DO AS HEAD COACH OF THE HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS?



#### Roy Latter

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I don't think Bobby Smith is going to help at all because they have to pick up better players. The players aren't as good as they thought they were.



#### Howard Buckland

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They haven't seemed to be playing up to their skills so sometimes change is good, and Bobby has lots of experience and he's the owner.

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## News in brief



Police say Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker has been involved in a minor traffic accident in Hollywood.

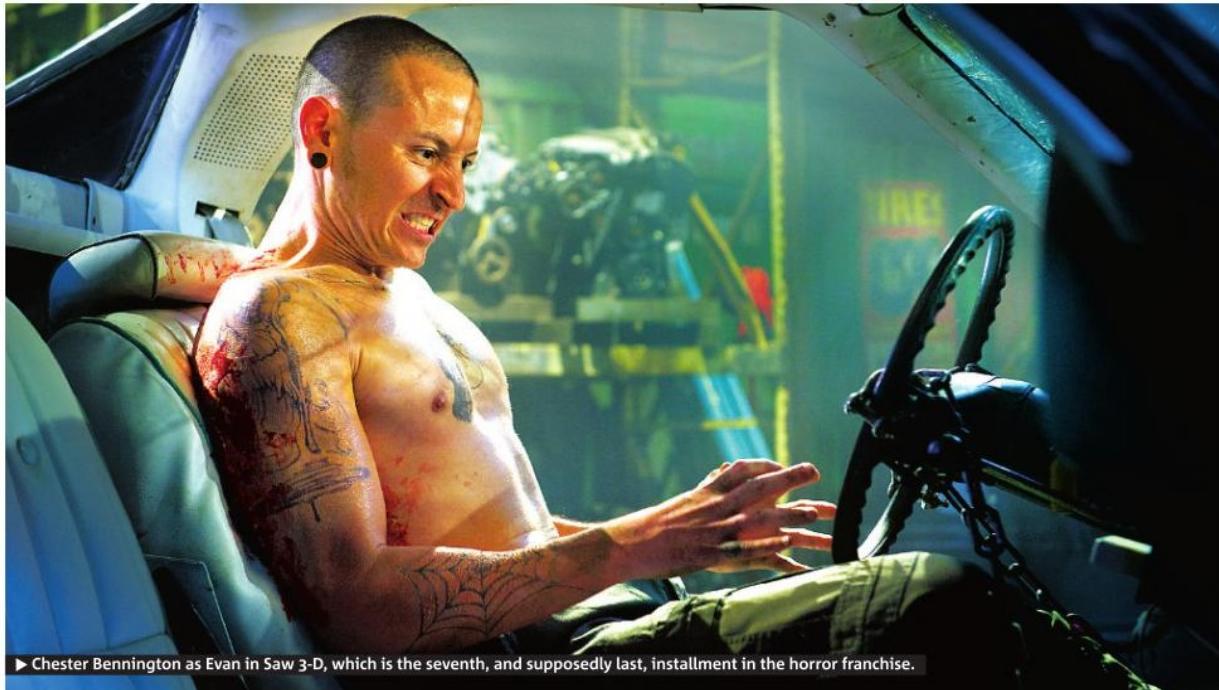
Los Angeles police Sgt. Kara Silverstein of the department's West Traffic Division says the actress was heading eastbound on Hollywood Boulevard at about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when another driver made an unsafe left turn into a parking lot and hit Longoria Parker's car. Silverstein says the actress complained of pain but was not seriously hurt.

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Investigators blame unsafe turn for causing death of celebrity plastic surgeon Frank Ryan

- Director and long-time editor of horror franchise brought back for seventh film
- Final Saw film looks to give fans one last look into the mad world of Jigsaw and his disciples



# Saw sharpened for final cut

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
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Last year, for the first time since the film series began, a Saw feature failed to own the box office on Halloween. Funnier still was that Saw 6 was one of the best entries in the series — a deft thriller whose ample gore was matched by slick directorial style and a witty, clever script.

Shame then, that the viral juggernaut Paranormal

Activity trumped it on its opening weekend, sending director (and long time series editor) Kevin Gruetert packing.

But when Gruetert got the call from Paramount pictures to helm Paranormal Activity 2, Saw studio Lions Gate and production company Twisted Pictures sneered and used a contractual loophole to literally drag Gruetert back to film Saw 3-D, the seventh and supposedly final entry. "This has been a hard

year," says Gruetert who had to not only abort plans to make PA2 but also move back to Toronto from his native LA.

"But at the end of the day, I didn't want to let the fans down. I think we really made a film that continues the story but stands alone. I'm ultimately proud of this one."

Saw 3-D continues and climaxes the ongoing story of long dead anti-serial killer Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) whose disciples continue to

use devious, flesh ripping death traps to teach sinners lessons that are often painful and fatal. And all of this mayhem literally jumps off the screen in digital 3-D.

"Needless to say there are plenty of 'comin at ya' moments," notes the talented filmmaker who aims for not only gore but psychological frissons in his work.

"There's also tons of blood. We have an obligation to the hardcore horror

## CanCon Creeper

► Canada. Did you know that every Saw film — except the first — was shot in Toronto with many prominent Canadian actors and craftsmen called on to bring Jigsaw's gruesome, clockwork world to life?

fans to do that. It looks pretty damn great in 3-D, I must say. After the sixth film, I certainly tried to top myself."

**Chicago Sun-Times**

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# THE DIFFERING TAKES ON THE AFTERLIFE

## In Focus

### RICHARD CROUSE

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**C**lint Eastwood's latest film, *Hereafter*, concerns itself with what happens once you have, as John Cleese might say, "shuffled off this mortal coil." In the film a woman has a near death experience, beginning her walk into a bright light surrounded by misty figures making a similar journey into that great goodnight. That's just the most recent cinematic vision of what happens after death, but there are many more, some played for laughs, sometimes for drama and now and then for comfort.

In Deconstructing Harry, Woody Allen goes for the joke, taking the viewer on an elevator ride through hell's nine floors, each reserved for a different kind of sinner. Best line? "Floor 7: the media. Sorry, that floor is all filled up."

Tim Burton also had some fun with the afterlife in *Beetlejuice*. Alec



► Clint Eastwood's film *Hereafter*, starring Matt Damon, left, and Richard Kind, right, gives a new cinematic view on what happens after we die.

Baldwin and Geena Davis get tips on how to haunt their old house in a book titled *Handbook for the Recently Deceased*. Best line? "We're not completely helpless, Barbara," says Adam (Baldwin). "I've been reading that book and there's a word for people in our situation: ghosts."

Taking the hereafter a bit more seriously is *The Rapture* which sees Mimi Rogers almost reunited with her dearly departed daughter. This version of Heaven is much starker than the usual sweetness

and light paradise seen on film; there's no Pearly Gates or fluffy clouds with angels snacking on Philadelphia Cream Cheese. For that version check out the opening minutes of the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Carousel*. The sto-

ry of a dead carnival worker who asks for permission to be sent back to earth for one day to make amends for mistakes he made in life starts with a glittering vision of heaven, complete with sparkling stars. Best heavenly quote? "Here there is no time; this is the beginning and the end."

What Dreams May Come, the 1998 film about a man who leaves heaven to search hell for his wife paints heaven as a place that, as Roger Ebert noted, seems "cheerfully assembled from the storage rooms of images we keep in our minds: Renaissance art, the pre-Raphaelites, greeting cards, angel kitsch." The heaven in this film is a wonderful place "big enough for everyone to have their own private universe."

On the flipside is the movie's vision of hell as a surreal, dark place. Best quote: "Hell is for those who don't know they're dead."

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## Score misses the goal

**Score:** A Hockey Musical

**Genre:** Comedy/Musical

**Director:**

Michael McGowan

**Stars:** Olivia Newton-John, Noah Reid, Marc Jordan

We already have Wayne Gretzky Unoaked Chardonnay, which, according to the winery features soft "notes of white peach and pear" so do we really need a cinematic hockey tribute featuring some not-so-soft musical notes?

Director Michael McGowan thought so and the result is a parody of hockey violence set to a

soundtrack that rhymes baloney with Zamboni. All that's missing is Don Cherry.

The story of a peace loving hockey prodigy's assimilation into the sport's violent world has its heart in the right place, but what could have been a surreal Glee-like experience unfortunately — to mix sports metaphors — doesn't hit a home run.

• RICHARD CROUSE



## Polarizing take on the afterlife

**Hereafter**

**Genre:** Drama

**Director:** Clint Eastwood

**Stars:** Matt Damon, Bryce Dallas Howard, Cecile de France

Clint Eastwood's *Hereafter* opens big as a tsunami flattens a tropical city. A vacationing French news anchor (Cecile de France) drowns but is later revived.

A reluctant San Francisco psychic (Matt Damon) believes his connection with the dead

has ruined his life, and a boy in London suffers unbearable pain when his twin dies. Their quests to know the afterlife unite them in Eastwood's mesmerising but often slow supernatural meditation.

Audiences will be polarized but Eastwood won't care. • ANNE BRODIE

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# Top viral sensations

Once the internet became common in North American households moviemakers started coming up with new ways to promote their films. Unorthodox marketing techniques have helped launch unknown movies into the mainstream and boosted their box office revenues

We're digging deep in the vaults this week, going all the way back to 1999 to look at movies with viral buzz.

These are films that cultivated a mystique about them, an urgent, must-see aura, based on unorthodox marketing methods.

Maybe it's a creepy website. Maybe it's a few delicious details trickled out to a specific fan base. Maybe social media propels the buzz. Or maybe just a great title gets people talking.

With Paranormal Activity 2 opening this week, here are five movies that have benefited from that intangible but irresistible viral buzz.

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## PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 2009

Sure, the phenomenon existed long before this horror movie came out last year, but this is a film that really capitalized on the power of Twitter and cheap online promotion, that rode a wave of excited, instantaneous word-of-mouth.

The movie itself had a pretty simple concept: It created the sensation that we were watching actual home video, shot in a bedroom overnight to capture whatever demon was haunting its young, female hero.

It only cost about \$10,000 to make, opened in just a few theatres at first to generate even more curiosity, and went to gross nearly \$108 million. Hence, a year later, we have a sequel.

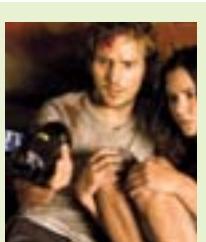


## THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT 1999

The mother of them all. Just saying the words "Blair Witch" serves as an instant shorthand: People know exactly what you mean.

The gimmick, in case you've forgotten, is that we were supposedly watching the real, final footage of a trio of friends who entered the woods to make a documentary about the legendary Blair Witch. They shot every moment and every movement they made — including their last.

A debut at the Sundance Film Festival kicked off the talk. Unknown actors played the three characters, furthering the possibility that this was all authentic. A website pushed the idea that this was legitimate, adding to the eeriness. The movie made nearly \$141 million; a year later, though, the secret was out and the hype was gone, and the sequel, Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2, only made about \$26 million.



## CLOVERFIELD 2008

Excitement for this thriller built in increments, but it was undeniable. The trailer, with its image of the Statue of Liberty's severed head bouncing down a Manhattan street, created huge buzz online and at Comic-Con.

The title gave away nothing — it's just the name of a street near producer J.J. Abrams' Los Angeles office, a code word the filmmakers used to keep the project under wraps — but it stuck, adding even more mystery. And the premise was tailor-made for the YouTube generation: a monster attack on New York City as seen entirely from the perspective of a partygoer's hand-held video camera. Plus, director Matt Reeves' film happened to be a lot of fun, and it went on to make a respectable \$80 million.



## AQUA TEEN HUNGER FORCE COLON MOVIE FILM FOR THEATERS 2007

Most people probably hadn't heard of the animated series Aqua Teen Hunger Force which airs on Cartoon Network's late-night Adult Swim lineup, and provided the basis for this movie.

It follows the intentionally Dadaist adventures of a wad of hamburger meat, a milkshake and a container of fries who share a rundown New Jersey tract house. The promotion included blinking, Lite-Brite-style renderings of alien characters known as the Mooninutes, which were placed in major cities nationwide. In most places, no one thought twice about them. In Boston, they were viewed as a potential terrorist threat, forcing the closure of bridges and roadways. It might not have helped at the box office, where the movie made only about \$5.5 million. But it got folks talking.



## SNAKES ON A PLANE 2006

Snakes on a Plane (2006): It's exactly what you think: a thriller about snakes ... on a plane. Just the title alone promised a campy good time, a throwback to star-studded disaster action pictures like the 1970s Airport movies.

Adding to the fun, fans who saw the movie early urged the filmmakers to keep a crucial Samuel L. Jackson line in the script with a particularly colourful 12-letter word — and they got their wish. It's a hugely crowd-pleasing moment, and watching the movie with a giant crowd was the best way to do it.

But people talked about the movie more than they actually went to see it. Snakes on a Plane opened at No. 1 with nearly \$14 million but only went on to make \$34 million — which is a shame, because this was one hell of a ride.



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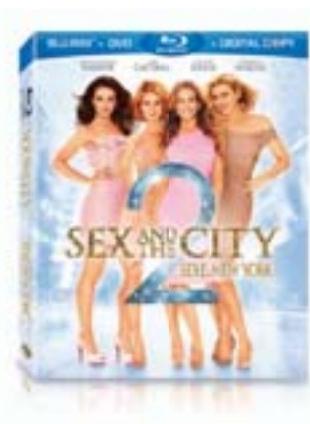


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## 7th heaven



## Willow Smith

## Music

We told you a few months ago about Willow Smith — daughter of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith — releasing an album. Well the video for the first single, Whip My Hair, dropped this week featuring the star progeny, well, whipping her hair. Surprisingly it's not too bad, and the nine-year-old may be the first mini-singer actually born this century. Check it out on youtube.com.

## Mix of Six

## Halifax Mooseheads

**When:** Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Halifax Metro Centre

The Mooseheads are facing two Maritime Division rivals — the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Friday, and the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday. Friday's game is Pink in the Rink III, where there will be pink ice and the Moose will wear pink jerseys in support of Canadian Breast

## Metro pick



► Justin Bieber.

## Pinsent and Bieber

## Viral

A video clip from this week's episode of This Hour Has 22 Minutes, featuring Gordon Pinsent reading excerpts

from Justin Bieber's biography — has gone viral. So far it's topped 95,000 views and counting.

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## Project Runway

## Internet

The toddlers at Babelgum are at it again, this time with a fun send up of Project Runway. If you are not familiar with the concept,

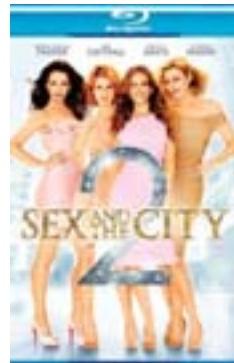
Babelgum features kids parodying shows like The Hills and Jersey Shore. The results are often hilarious, if not scary. Check it out to see a pint sized Heidi Klum and a tot-sized Michael Kors cameo. babelgum.com..

## Runaway

## Music

MuchMusic will be airing Kanye West's Runaway live this Saturday. Following the premiere of the short film, West will take

part in a live Q and A.



## Sex and the City 2

## DVD

Carrie, Charlotte, Miranda and Samantha are back — at least on video. Sex and the City 2, featuring the NYCers heading to Abu Dhabi for a little sun, sand and Aidan, lands in Blu-ray and DVD next week. Does Carrie leave Big for her former beau? If you don't know by now maybe you should head to the video store.

## Hootie

## Memorial

Hootie & The Blowfish, which seemed to dominate radio in 1994 with the release of Cracked Rear View, has been immortalized in a piece of public art this week in Columbia, S.C. The monument was unveiled to mark the band's 25th anniversary.



## Conan O'Brien

## TV

The talk show host is counting down to the launch of his new show on TBS with a 24-hour Coco Cam feeding live images to teamcoco.com. It was also announced guests on his show — it premieres Nov. 8 — will include Tom Hanks, John Hamm and Seth Rogan. • METRO

## Cancer Foundation Atlanti

## Saint Mary's Huskies football

## When: Saturday, 2 p.m.

## Where: Huskies Stadium

After starting a dismal 0-3, the Huskies now control their own destiny to finish first in the Atlantic conference. To do that, they'll need to win its final two games, including against a much-improved Mount Allison Mounties squad on Saturday. The Mounties are

also 3-3 and knocked off Saint Mary's earlier this season.

## Just For Laughs Comedy

## Tour

## When: Saturday, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

## Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

If you need a good laugh, then this is an event not to miss. The show is hosted by Frank Spadone, with special guest Jeremy Hotz, Bob Arno, Robert Kelly,

Ryan Hamilton and Gina Yashere are also taking to the stage. Tickets are \$44 and available through the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office.

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## When: Through Oct. 31

## Where: Alderney Landing

If you're looking to get into the Halloween spirit, then this is the place to be. The haunted house is open to the public each night from

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## Halifax Pop Explosion

## When: Through Saturday

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## Fathers &amp; Sons

## When: Through Sunday

## Where: Neptune Studio Theatre

This new play described as both funny and touching is set into four parts like a piece of classical music and the play tells the story of a family through the years. Visit neptunetheatre.ca for show times and ticket information.

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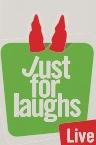
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# SYTYCD makeup tips

► Learn how the show's dancers look so perfect

For the past few weeks we've watched So You Think You Can Dance Canada's aspiring dancers leap, flip and sweat their way to the final four — all while looking perfect.

How do they keep themselves looking composed while performing their numbers? Metro asked SYTYCD Canada's makeup artist Lynne Ryan for her tips on the best way to get your makeup to stay on:

#### SKIN CARE

You always want to make sure that the skin is well hydrated and protected with a product with an SPF.

#### EXFOLIATE

Add some kind of exfoliation regime to the skin. This will greatly improve the skin's overall texture and [improve] makeup's lasting power.



#### PEEL

Use a gommage (non-chemical face peel), a peeling mask or a very fine scrub every second day depending on your skin type. This will help to remove dead skin and allow the makeup to sit evenly.

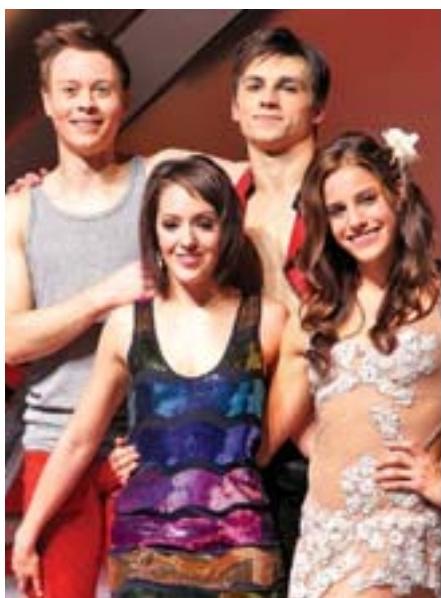
#### MOISTURIZE

Before applying any other products, add a lightweight moisturizer in the summer and heavier lotion for the winter months. If mixed with a small amount of primer, it will help lock in moisture.

#### FOUNDATION

Foundation is best applied with a brush instead of fingers as it will help make your product last longer and lets you get into hard to reach areas. A finishing powder ... helps set the foundation. • METRO

#### Top four



A winner will be declared on the season finale this Sunday night. Amanda Cleghorn, 19, from Mississauga, Ont., Denys Drozdyuk, 25, from Toronto, Janick Arsenneau, 20, from Bathurst, N.B. and Jeff Mortensen, 22, from

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- 2 tsp. olive oil
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- 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 cup Israeli couscous, uncooked
- 1-1/4 cups 25%-less-sodium chicken broth
- 1-1/2 cups small broccoli florets
- 4 tilapia fillets (1 lb./450 g)

2 Tbsp. Kraft Pure Apricot Jam

1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard

3 Tbsp. Kraft 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese

2 Tbsp. chopped cilantro

#### Make it

HEAT oven to 425°F.

HEAT oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add onions and mushrooms; cook and stir

5 min. Stir in couscous; cook

and stir 1 min. Add broth and broccoli; stir. Bring to boil; cover. Simmer 8 min. or until liquid is absorbed.

MEANWHILE, place fish in single layer in shallow pan sprayed with cooking spray. Mix jam and mustard; spread over fish. Bake 10 min. or until fish flakes easily with fork.

STIR Parmesan into couscous mixture; spoon onto 4 plates. Top with fish and cilantro.



**Substitute:** Prepare using halibut or salmon fillets.

**Nutrition Information Per Serving:** calories 410, fat 7g (sat 2.5 g ), chol 60 mg, sodium 270 mg, carb 49 g, fibre 4 g, sugars 6 g, protein 38 g, vit A 10% DV, vit C 45% DV, calcium 8% DV, iron 15% DV

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# There's no place like home

• Somalian-born K'naan says he's still tied to his country in heart, spirit and most of all, in music

Breakout rapper K'naan, who is on tour promoting his latest album, Troubadour, talked in a recent interview about Somalia's influence on his work.

**Is it ever overwhelming being the voice of Somalia?**

It's only overwhelming when I pause to think about it. But subconsciously it's just something that must be done. I don't really have the time to be overwhelmed by something that must be done. ... (Though) sometimes I'd rather just make music and not really have to come to an entire people's defence.

**Did you ever think about just rapping and perhaps down-playing your Somalian connection?**

I didn't set out to represent anything, I set out to fix my own problems. By writing those things in a sense it became that I'm writing about Somalia, because there's no way to represent my life in an honest way without the conflicts in Somalia.

**You did a new version of your hit song Wavin' Flag for a Coca-Cola campaign for the World Cup, which got some people upset.**

The strange thing about that criticism is that the song is there. The one they love is there. I'm very happy about that choice be-

cause it's now giving people to see music otherwise they would never access.

**Do you feel that the world has forgotten about Somalia?**

I understand why. I understand the silence why. The difference between early '90s and now is that Somalia broke America's heart in the '90s, that's literally what happened. After Somalia, it's the reason why America did not go in to mediate in Rwanda. The result is a million people died.

**What are your hopes for Somalia?**

Somalia's scenario is that it's not good left alone, and it's even worse intervened. That's the dilemma of Somalia, because we do not accept foreign intervention. ... It doesn't seem like we can fix our own problems either. That's the tragedy of Somalia.

**How do you instil Somalia in your two young boys since you aren't living there?**

It's kind of hard to do that. They learn important values from me and their mom (who is Somalian) which I think is culture. But I think to get the complete package, to get the complete feeling, they'd have to live in Somalia, and at some point I hope they can.

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Manchester band since last Christmas and finally, their debut record is finally available in North America. It's slinky and sophisticated indie-dance music with DNA stolen from both New Order and Coldplay.

Tamaryn/The Waves:

This San Francisco duo is on a number of hipster radars. Hypnotic layers of guitar-pop that straddles the line between old 4AD recordings and modern shoegaze.

**Deerhunter/Halcyon Digest:** There were high expectations for Bradford Cox's Atlanta-based band — and they've met most of them with an album that took just two weeks to record. Halcyon Digest might just be the best American indie record of the year.

**Exit Calm/Exit Calm:** Four men from Yorkshire who channel the early floaty, fuzzy sounds of the Verve with ease. Their self-titled debut already has a place on my year-end Top Ten list.

**Delphic/Acolyte:**

I've been evangelizing about this

Ottawa who really seem to get it. Check out their one-take video for Americana on YouTube.

**Maximum Balloon/Maximum Balloon:** Electro indie-pop created by TV on the Radio's Dave Sitek that would have sounded too far out of place in 1984 as an opening act for either Prince or the Talking Heads.

In fact, David Byrne is on the record.

**Smoke Fairies/Through Low Light and Trees:** English female duo that sings dark English blues-folk that sounds almost medieval at times. I can imagine them opening for Shakespeare at the Globe.

**Crocodiles/Sleep Forever:** San Diego lo-fi band raised on Jesus and Mary Chain records. One of those groups who turn the reverb up to 11.

**Tweak Bird/Tweak Bird:** Guitar-and-drums duo from the UK capable of making the same kind of racket as the White Stripes when they decide to get heavy and dark.

**Modern Superstitions/All the Things We've Been Told:** Young Toronto outfit that can be summed up in this equation: Pretenders + Blondie + Motown.

## Brand and Perry to wed this weekend

Russell Brand and Katy Perry are getting married this weekend at a luxury resort outside the Ranthambhore tiger sanctuary in the Indian state of Rajasthan, a local tour operator said Thursday.

The British comedian and American pop star arrived Wednesday at Mumbai airport.

Their six-day celebration begins Saturday with a Hindu wedding ceremony conducted by a local priest at the Sher Bagh re-

sort, said Rajasthan Tours manager Mohan Singh, whose company is one of several that are involved in organizing the luxurious event.

"This would be a colorful Rajasthan wedding, and both Brand and Perry would be attired in Indian wedding attires," Singh said.

Private security has already been stationed at the hotels, which have refused to discuss the event with media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Phoenix to rise again?

► First major tour coming to an end ► No new music yet, says band

Phoenix fans aren't alone in wondering how the French new-wave rockers will follow their breakthrough 2009 album *Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix*.

The band has no idea what their next record will sound like, either.

"No, no, no, no — we have zero seconds of new music," guitarist Lau-

rent Brancowitz said in a recent telephone interview from Paris.

"We have always worked this way. ... It's really the way we've always done it. When we write on tour, it's always very bad."

"You can believe it, trust me. But also, an album, for us, it has to reflect the very precise period of time in

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**"I think we'll try to make an even weirder album... and maybe it's going to be a big success."**

PHOENIX GUITARIST  
LAURENT BRANCOWITZ

our lives."

Well, if that's the case, one might expect the new music the band eventually conjures up to be pretty upbeat.

After nearly a decade of recording, the quartet finally broke through with their most recent collection of nimble, supersonic pop tunes.

On the strength of a crackerjack performance on Saturday Night Live and the flawless singles *1901* and *Lisztomania*, Phoenix not only earned widespread critical acclaim — landing in the top 10 of year-end album lists from Time Magazine, Rolling Stone, Spin and Pitchfork — but also won a Grammy Award for best alternative album.

Now, Phoenix is in the last phase of a nearly 18-month victory lap, with a show tonight in Montreal and on Friday in Toronto following a performance at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Of course, that sort of success also breeds lofty expectations for the band's next move. But Brancowitz

says the group doesn't feel slowed by the weight of external pressure.

"To tell you the truth, no," he said. "Because the last album we did, really, we thought it was a bizarre album that nobody would like. So I think we'll try to make an even weirder album, in our opinion, and maybe it's going to be a bigger success."

"Do you know what I mean? It's really when we thought that we made it the most personal and strange, bizarre record, that it reached the most people. So, for us, it's a good sign to do it this way."

"So it's no pressure. Well I mean, there's lots of pressure, but it's the pressure with ourselves."

The band plans to begin work on a new album after completing the remainder of their tour.

Brancowitz says they're scouting places to record at the moment.

Listeners might believe that Phoenix's recording process is as spontaneous and carefree as their ebullient, weightless soft-pop.

That isn't the case.

"The process is very painful actually," Brancowitz said. "But it's like, when you're sculpting, it's very long and in the end you don't imagine it was a big block of stone, you know? But we will remember the block of stone."

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► Thomas Mars of Phoenix



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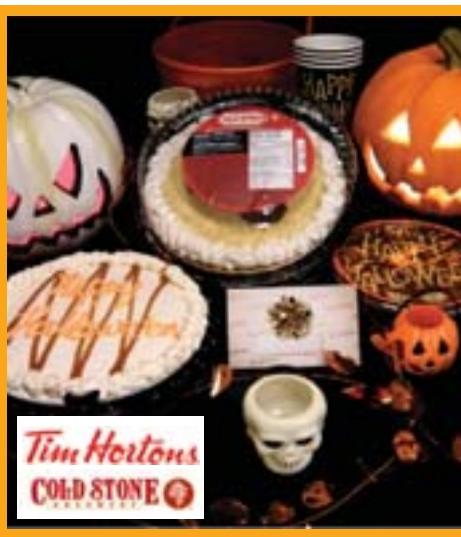
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## Rihanna under Jay-Z umbrella

Rihanna told The Associated Press in a statement Wednesday that she's "so excited to take this next step in my career."

The 22-year-old is also launching a new company called Rihanna Entertainment. She says it will "merge all of her businesses, including music, film, fragrance fashion and book ventures."

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# Questions arise over hospital visit

▶ Aguilera got stitches just days before divorce ▶ Husband said she fell

Just days before she announced her split from husband Jordan Bratman, Christina Aguilera reportedly showed up at a hospital emergency room nursing a nasty mouth injury, according to Radar Online.

"Christina was bleeding from her mouth and had a bit of a busted lip," says a source who saw the couple at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

"Jordan told the nurses she had fallen down. Shortly after they arrived to Cedars, Christina's private surgeon arrived to put a few stitches in her lip."

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▶ Jordan Bratman and Christina Aguilera.

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

## Lohans worried over court

Today is Lindsay Lohan's big day in court, and she could reportedly be headed back to jail for up to a year, according to Radar Online.

"The fact that (Judge Ellen Fox) ordered Lindsay to appear, even though she is currently in rehab and

not planning to fight the probation violation, has Lindsay's legal team very, very concerned," a source says.

Lohan's camp is reportedly preparing for the worst.

"I think everyone close to her would like to see

her go back to rehab, but there's an overwhelming feeling that something is going to happen to Lindsay if she doesn't go away for a long time, so they're reconciling with the fact that she could go to jail for a while," a source says. "People are scared." ● METRO

## Pregnancy rumours denied

Tina Knowles wants everyone to know that her daughter Beyoncé Knowles is not pregnant.

"The truth is that's it's not Beyoncé that's preg-

nant. It's me," Tina joked with Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm kidding y'all. I'm 56. No, no (the reports are) not true. Not right now. With all the rumors, by

now I should have five or six grandchildren."

Jay-Z has not offered any comment on the pregnancy rumours.

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### Jackson's dad looking for big cash

IT'S SO NICE TO SEE HIM GETTING OVER HIS GRIEF Joe Jackson is reportedly looking to get between \$10 million and \$500 million in compensation from the wrongful death suit against Conrad Murray, the doctor for his late son, Michael Jackson, according to TMZ.

Joe believes the amount is in "the realistic range of provable damages," according to sources.

"Joe says 20 per cent of his damages are for loss of support, 40 per cent are for emotional distress and 40 per cent are for 'loss of comfort, aid, society and companionship,'" a source tells the website. ● METRO

**John Cho** [JohnTheCho] Feel strange personal triumph that the word MILF has wormed its way into Franzen's Freedom.

**Jessica Simpson** [Jessica-Simpson] Trying to be in a good mood right now...but REALLY?!?!? Cowboys..

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made to the highest quality and design," a rep for her line says, according to Hollyscoop.

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### Beckham under fire from PETA

ANYONE ELSE GET THE SENSE PETA IS JUST A BUNCH OF BORED PEOPLE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FIGHT? Victoria Beckham has come under criticism from PETA for using crocodile and lizard skin and calf leather in her new line of handbags, but the fashionista isn't taking the criticism lying down.

"Everyone is entitled to personal opinion and choice, but as with all Victoria Beckham products, the handbags are



# The alluring aroma of the food business

► Dedication? Check. ► Sound business plan? Check. ► With some effort and some luck your upstart catering biz can flourish

**JOAN CHANG**  
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It's been thirty years since Vancouver catering company The Lazy Gourmet started. People would bring in their own dishes, they'd get filled with food and you'd pass it off as your own. Since then the Lazy Gourmet team has done it all, even cooked for members of the British government during the Olympic Games.

They're the exception. According to David Martin, 50 per cent of new food ventures fail within the first year. Martin is the director of the Ted Rogers School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Ryerson University in Toronto and he knows this all too well.

## In Halifax:

► Chef LIVE! chefalive.ca: Halifax caterer Richard Julien doesn't just feed his clients. He also brings the cooking experience alive with Food Network-type experiences for intimate dinner parties and corporate events. Richard's tip for would-be caterers: build corporate business. "You can have the best food in the city but once the honeymoon period is over you need to rely on those social networks you have in place because those are the contact that will drive business."

"There's a mystique about it, a lot of people think it's great, they love people and they love to cook. People come to us for advice and the first thing I say is, 'Do you have a business plan? How are you going to get your customers?' Few think about that."

Martin says there are certain elements that prospective caterers must consider before taking the plunge.

"What do you want it to become? Work with that and say, 'what are the milestones to success? What's my strength and what are the opportunities in the marketplace?' If you take a look at the total package, you need to identify what you need to overcome and figure out what you need to do overcome that."

You'll learn a lot speaking to the caterers themselves. Brenda Dutton has been running Absolutely Edibles in Edmonton for 11 years. She's stuck to her philosophy of hard work and quality control. "We only take so many event per day and we turn down business because being greedy, you compromise your values, you stop paying attention to what's going out the door."

General manager of The Lazy Gourmet Kevin Mazzzone says ultimately it's about the reputation you build for yourself. "The food business is very difficult. Really having that trust in our name ... people just keep coming back."



► There is a 'mystique' about the food industry, it's something many people aspire to. But it's not easy. It takes skill, dedication and a bit of luck to succeed.

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## Halloween

### Potlucks for Halloween great for the kids

Here are some tips to help you plan a successful and enjoyable children's Halloween party:

- Share the expense and stress of hosting a party with friends and family. A progressive or potluck party distributes the work and expense evenly among all.
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The Wine Cellar outlet sells only B.C. wines, almost all from the Okanagan Valley, which extends north and south from Kelowna. Some of the offerings are hard — if not impossible — to buy in other parts of the country.

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lowed to bring as carry-on up to 12 bottles purchased at the store if they have no other carry-on baggage, or six bottles along with one carry-on item.

The Airports Wine Guide is compiled by Cheapflights.ca ([cheapflights.ca/promos/airport-wine-guide](http://cheapflights.ca/promos/airport-wine-guide)). It focuses mainly on a handful of airports in grape-growing provinces, as well as a few border U.S. airports.

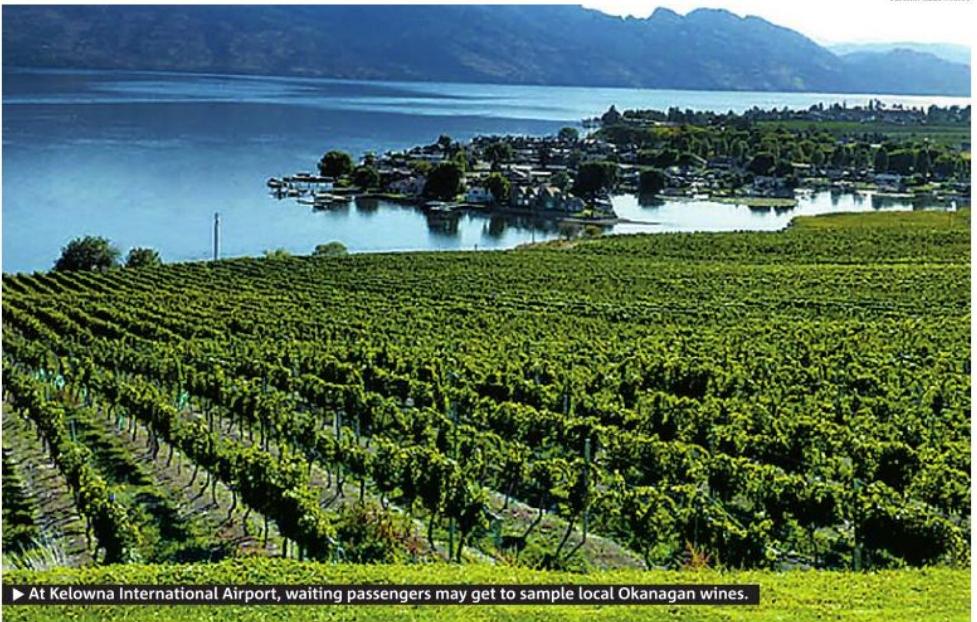
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# Herd look for consistency

► Mooseheads trying to win back-to-back games for first time this season  
 ► Halifax won in Smith's coaching debut Tuesday against Bathurst



► Bobby Smith talks to his team during a Halifax Mooseheads practice this week.

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In laying out his reasons for demoting Cam Russell, new head coach Bobby Smith talked about the consistency of his young hockey club.

"Win a game, lose a game, I think we can be better than that," Smith, the club's majority owner, said after announcing Monday he was replacing Russell as bench boss.

Well, no time like the present to put words into

## Seeing pink

The Mooseheads are holding Pink in the Rink III during their game against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles on Friday to raise awareness and funds for

the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Atlantic.

The ice will be painted pink for the game, and Halifax is wearing pink-accented jerseys. Fans are also asked to wear pink.

urday.

Coming off a dramatic 3-2 win over the Bathurst Titan in his coaching debut on Tuesday, Smith's club has a great opportunity to put together a winning streak with back-to-back home games Friday and Saturday.

We'd just like to play two good games on the weekend, starting with

Cape Breton," Smith said Thursday. "I'm expecting a good, spirited game, like we always have with Cape Breton, and a good team effort from everybody in the lineup. Hopefully we'll play well enough to win."

Forward Gabriel Desjardins could return to the lineup this weekend. The 18-year-old hurt his knee in practice last week but is skating with the club. He's still day-to-day.

As for 16-year-old rookie Luca Ciampini, he is recovering from a concussion and won't dress.

## Huskies prepared for battle

Saint Mary's Huskies football coach Steve Sumarah says unequivocally his team is prepared for Saturday's pivotal matchup against the Mount Allison Mounties.

"We have prepared harder this week than we have all year," he said of the 2 p.m. game. "We are 200 per cent going after these guys."

The Huskies control their own destiny going into the final two weeks of the regular season. With wins over Mount Allison Saturday and next weekend in Acadia, Saint Mary's will finish first and get the much-sought first-round playoff bye.

But this Mounties team is no slouch. Like the Huskies, they are 3-3 and upset Saint Mary's in Week 3, 23-21.

"The fact they came out and put it to us and beat us, it just makes this game all that more exciting," Sumarah said.

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**"To the innocent, it seemed discorded and inconsequent, bizarre and paradoxical like the frantic darting of weightless bugs, which run on the surface of stagnant pools."**

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## Rainmen to hold vigil for Strickland

The Halifax Rainmen are holding a candle vigil on Tuesday in memory of the late John Strickland.

The outdoor memorial will run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Brunswick Street side of the Halifax Metro Centre, underneath the team banner featuring a photo of Strickland, a Rainmen fan favourite found dead in his New York City apartment on Oct. 7.

The team also announced Thursday Strickland will be honoured during the club's home opener against the Saint John Mill Rats on Dec. 16.

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► Cody Ross of the San Francisco Giants hits a home run against the Philadelphia Phillies during Game 1 of the NLCS on Saturday.

Bengie Molina hits a go-ahead homer to put Texas in charge of the AL championship series.

Cody Ross comes through with another clutch hit for the Giants.

Kerry Wood sets up a Yankees save.

Everywhere you turn in these playoffs, late pickups and mid-season acquisitions are playing important roles on the field.

And there's more to it than just Cliff Lee and Roy Oswalt, the star pitchers who were traded with such fanfare in July.

"You like to think on paper in spring training what it takes and there's not many

changes," said former Atlanta ace John Smoltz, now broadcasting games on TBS. "But history will show there's always something you can do and certain moves you can make that will help you get to the next level."

Take a look at the final four teams in this post-season. Each of them made at least one notable addition this summer, and many of those players have grabbed the spotlight this fall.

Besides landing Lee, the October ace who came over from last-place Seattle, the Rangers obtained Molina, Jorge Cantu and Jeff Francoeur between July 1 and Aug. 31. All that

#### Ravin' about Ross



Cody Ross' bat is certainly winning hearts in San Francisco during these playoffs.

► Picked up Aug. 22 on a waiver claim from Florida,

despite economic constraints and the comfortable cushion Texas had

Ross had a .433 on-base percentage with four home runs and seven RBIs through eight playoff games.

► He has provided much-needed pop in a flawed lineup, spurring the Giants toward an NL pennant, which is not bad for a guy who grew up in New Mexico dreaming of becoming a rodeo clown.

► "It's just been an unbelievable experience for me so far," Ross said. "The Giants were awesome to bring me over here and it's just been a great ride."

opened in the AL West.

"We are not expecting those guys to come in

here and put us on their shoulder. We just expect them to come in here and fit in and be the baseball players that they are," manager Ron Washington said this week. "They fit in perfectly."

and is batting a team-best .385 with two homers and seven RBIs in the playoffs. His three-run homer off A.J. Burnett on Tuesday gave Texas a 3-1 series lead.

After losing Wednesday day, the Rangers headed home still needing one win for the first World Series berth in the franchise's 50-season history.

"I'm so thankful for the organization to take the time to go out and get a guy like that, because he has tightened things down quite a bit and it's mainly because of his experience," Washington said. "He's been there, he's done that."

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# Harrison not ready to retire

► Steelers linebacker returns to practice after threatening to quit over NFL's crackdown on dangerous hits

That retirement talk by James Harrison didn't last nearly long enough for some NFL quarterbacks.

The three-time Pro Bowl linebacker resumed practising Thursday with the Pittsburgh Steelers, one day after threatening to retire because of the NFL's stricter enforcement of dangerous hits.

Harrison was fined \$75,000 US on Tuesday for a helmet hit on Cleveland Browns receiver Mohamed Massaquoi, making him one of three NFL players fined at least \$50,000 for flagrant hits last weekend. On Wednesday, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell followed up the fines by releasing a memo emphasizing significant penalties will be imposed upon players who strike an opponent in the head or neck in violation of existing rules.

Harrison, arguing the restrictions won't allow him to play football as he's always played it, met with coach Mike Tomlin on Wednesday to discuss

the changes. Tomlin decided to give Harrison a cooling-off day and sent him home from practice.

Harrison's teammates didn't take his threat to retire seriously, saying he enjoys playing too much to quit during the second season of a \$51.2-million contract. Harrison agreed with that in a statement issued by the team.

"I have come to the decision that I cannot and will not let the league office stop me from playing the game that I love," Harrison said.

Harrison did not talk to reporters before or after practice. The team said the statement would be his only comments.

"I will continue to play the game with the same passion, intensity and focus with which I have always played and let the chips fall where they may," Harrison said.

"I have never given up, quit or walked away from anything in my life and I am not about to start now."

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► The hit that James Harrison was fined for.

## United looks to move on

► Club seeks to prove it's still a powerhouse, even if top player wants out

As Wayne Rooney plots a route out of Manchester United, the rest of the squad will want to prove they can cope without the disgruntled striker and have the quality to regain the Premier League trophy.

The 18-time champion goes to Stoke on Sunday for its first league game since Rooney went public with his desire to leave.

The team is also trying to end a streak of three straight league draws, having fallen five points behind leader Chelsea.

Rooney told chief executive David Gill last week that he wanted to leave the club he joined in 2004 after failing to get assurances it would spend heavily on top-class players in future transfer windows.

But even with Rooney looking likely to leave, manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been quick to reassure the other players — and fans — that the future is bright at Old Trafford.

"The structure of the club is good — we have the right staff, the right manager, a brilliant chief executive," Ferguson said.

### G'day, Rooney?

► It might be tongue-in-cheek, but one former England football star says he's trying to talk Wayne Rooney into coming to Australia.

► Robbie Fowler, a former England striker and Liverpool star during the height of his career, said Thursday he spoke to Manchester United forward Rooney about joining the A-League's Perth Glory during a recent two-week holiday in Britain.

"There is not a thing wrong with Manchester United ... We still have that fantastic romance, and respect from everyone."

With Rooney already sidelined with an injury, United secured a 1-0 victory over Turkish champion Bursaspor on Wednesday to stay top of its Champions League group.

The goal came from Nani — one of the players Ferguson has been nurturing since signing the 23-year-old winger three

years ago.

The manager stressed that his policy has long been to buy young talent and then develop them in the club, rather than spend heavily on players who have already become stars.

"To maintain the success at any club is not a certainty," the 68-year-old Ferguson said. "I always believe a four-year cycle is the most you can achieve. Very few teams can go beyond that."

"We realized some time ago that Ryan Giggs, Paul Scholes and Gary Neville were not going to last forever. Therefore our policy is to develop footballers in the place."

In fact, even after Rooney joined United in 2004, Ferguson recalled there were doubts in his own squad about the Everton recruit's quality.

"A player said to me Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo were not good enough and he wasn't prepared to wait," Ferguson said. "That is the problem with potential — people don't identify potential. We are very good

at it. I have identified it all my life. I know potential. I know where it can be developed and how to develop it. I have faith in it."

"That is what this club is about."

Ferguson was planning to meet Gill to discuss what to do about the 24-year-old Rooney, who still has 20 months remaining on his Old Trafford contract.

Rooney had celebrated a hat trick of Premier League titles until Chelsea — now a possible destination for the England striker — regained the trophy in May by a single point.

While Chelsea had appeared to be cruising toward a successful title defence, a draw at Aston Villa last weekend left it just two points ahead of Manchester City, which won at Blackpool.

Liverpool, meanwhile, goes into Sunday's home match against Blackburn having won just one of its eight league matches. Only a superior goal difference is keeping the 18-time champions out of last place in the standings.

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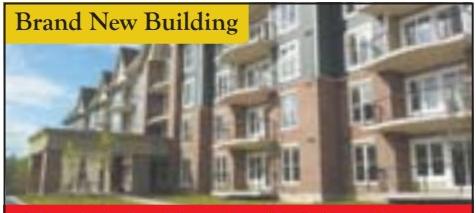
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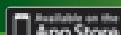
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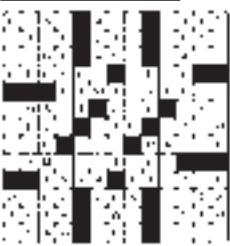
- Height of fashion?
- Author Stoker
- Earthware pot
- "The Greatest"
- Tiny bit
- Tire (out)
- Church VIP
- Relaxation
- Big bothers
- Draw conclusions
- The fifth element
- Portend
- First victim
- Reve role
- Parcel of land
- Paycheck extra
- Anger
- Final courses
- Fit of peevishness
- Dregs
- Lummoxes
- Started
- Close
- Eager
- Vitamins' partners
- Longtime CNN interviewer
- Cupid's alias
- NAFTA member
- Otherwise
- Arrests
- Carpet

**Down**

- Overactor
- Yale student
- Mosque towers
- Plain figure?
- Deteriorates
- Packed away
- Scratch
- First game
- Goldbrick
- Come in last
- Mimic
- Pedestal occupant
- Mid-month date
- Hairless
- Reed instrument
- Batter's tactics
- Piece of work
- Aching
- Labyrinth beast
- Desert-like
- Profits
- Existed
- Gunk
- Speak unclearly
- Kasparov's game
- Prepare a cassette-role
- Satan's specialty
- Traps
- Upity one
- "Two and a Half —"
- Playwright Levin
- Baton Rouge sch.
- Droop



► Yesterday's answer



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**Aries** March 21-April 20 You are under no obligation to work your fingers to the bone just to please other people. They may have got themselves in a bit of a mess but that's not your fault.

**Taurus** April 21-May 21 Your confidence may be high right now but the moment you start to believe that nothing can possibly go wrong is the moment when it most likely will.

**Gemini** May 22-June 21 The more you want something to happen the more likely it is you will overreach yourself and make the kind of mistake that you usually go out of your way to avoid. Don't be too eager today. Let life come to you.

**Cancer** June 22-July 22 Even if you are the kind of Cancerian who rarely strays far from home you will be on the move today. Where you go remains to be seen but make sure that you, and you alone, set the travel agenda.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 It's not like you to avoid reality but it seems you want nothing more at the moment than to lose yourself in daydreams. And why not?

**Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Some-one seems to have got it into their head that you will grant any favor they ask of you. It would be nice if you were in a position to do so but you're not and you need to avail them of that fact quickly.

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Resist the urge to rush things, especially on the work front where you won't do your reputation much good if you cut corners and make mistakes as a consequence.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Mars, planet of ego, squares up to Neptune, planet of deceit, today, so it might be wise to check, then double check, everything you are told.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be wary of those who try to confuse you by introducing irrelevant facts and figures into your conversation. The situation you are currently involved in is quite simple really. Stay focused on the central point so they can't cheat.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 This is a good day for talking with friends and learning from their experiences, but don't immediately rush out and try to do what they have done.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 By all means enjoy yourself but stay within your limits too. The planets warn you could get carried away and do something that invites trouble into your life.

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 With Mars squaring up to your ruler Neptune today there is a danger you could be too optimistic for your own good. Confidence is a good thing, of course, but too much of it can cause problems. Steer clear of extremes. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Sudoku

7	9		4	6				
4			6	1			8	
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2				7	4			
			1	5				
3				4	2		5	
			8	1			9	7

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	7	3	6	9	8	5	2	4
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8	4	6	3	1	7	9	5	2
9	1	2	8	6	5	4	7	3
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# Fantastic new species discovered

● Scientists buzzing about research potential of shape-shifting marvel ● The creature is not yet available to the media

A team of American and Ecuadorian researchers made an accidental discovery of a shocking new species during a routine climate study in Ecuador's highland forests.

The sill seemed unphased by the skin that would look more at home in a science-fiction movie than a biology textbook, but it's the creature's shape-shifting properties that has the scientific community excited.

According to reports, the animal is capable of shrinking and expanding its body to take on dramatically different forms,

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Dr. Jean Etienne, a researcher contracted by Ecuador's Federal Weather Bureau, was collecting materials for a campfire when he noticed the 23-inch creature shift between bushes.

returning to its original shape at will. Scientists are predicting that the animal's genetic makeup will lead to exciting breakthroughs in a number of fields using their unique properties to materialize anything.

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